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SUBJ: YARG COMPLAINT ON US POSITION REGARDING CEASEFIRE

1. AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY BY
ACTING FONMIN ASNAG MORNING OCTOBER 11 TO RECEIVE
CAREFULLY PRESENTED DEMARCHE DECIDED UPON BY YARG
CABINET PREVIOUS EVENING. ASNAG'S POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. YARG VALUES AND IS ANXIOUS PRESEVE IN THIS
DIFFICULT PERIOD THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS EVOLVED
BETWEEN IT AND USG OVER PAST YEAR.

B. TO THIS END, SARG WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AVOID
INCIDENTS WHICH COULD MAR GOOD RELATIONS.

C. FROM WHAT IT KNOWNS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S
STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST WAR YARG HAD RECEIVED GOOD
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IMPRESSION OF USG INTENTION DEAL WITH PRESENT SITUATION

WITH SENSITIVITY AND EQUITY. FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF
USG INTENTIONS FROM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, HOWEVER,
NEGATED BY RECENT STATEMENTS OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR SCALI INDICATING USG INSISTENCE
ON LINKING ANY SC MOVE FOR CEASEFIRE WITH RESTORATION
OF TERRITORIAL STATUS QUO ANTE. YARG VIEWS THIS POSITION
AS UNFAIR AND UNFRIENDLY TO ARABS.

D. YARG CONSIDERS THAT PRESENT EVENTS IN MIDDLE
EAST, TRAGIC AS THESE ARE IN TERMS OF WASTE
OF LIVES AND EQUIPMENT ON BOTH SIDES, OFFER FIRST REAL
OPPORTUNITY SINCE 1948 TO BRING ABOUT A FINAL PEACE
BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS FOLLOWING CESSATION OF HOS-
TILITIES. IF BECAUSE OF PRESENT MILITARY ACTION ARAB
PRIDE IS IN SOME SMALL MEASURE RESTORED, REALISTIC NEO-
TIATIONS CAN TAKE PLACE LOOKING TOWARD FINAL
SETTLEMENT.

E. PRE-WAR EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST HAD BEEN LEADING TO-
WARD SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF ARAB RELATIONS WITH
USG AND FREE WORLD IN GENERAL, WITH CONCOMMITANT WEAK-
ENING OF TIES WITH USSR. YARG WOULD NOT LIKE SEE THIS
PROCESS REVERSED BECAUSE OF USG DIPLOMATIC PARTISANSHIP
FOR ISRAEL IN ITS DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TOWARD RESOLUTION
OF CRISIS. YARG URGES USG SUPPORT A STRAIGHT CEASE-
FIRE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242.

2. RESPONDING TO ACTING FONMIN'S DEMARCHE, AMBASSADOR
PROVIDED IN FULL THE RATIONALE FOR
USG POSITION SAYING
THAT USG'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS
FOR LASTING PEACE FOLLOWING CESSATION OF PRESENT REGRET-
TABLE HOSTILITIES. ASNAG INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF USG
RATIONALE.

3. APPROXIMATELY PARALLEL DEMARCHE MADE TO BRITISH
AMBASSADOR.
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